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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed August 12, 2003, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, <u>Group I – Claims 1-12</u>, which is drawn to a process, classified in class 216, subclass 2.

Applicant's election is made with traverse on the grounds that the embodiments delineated by the examiner are not patentably distinct and therefore constitute a single invention concept.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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